

ACT FOR UNIFORMITY OF COMMON PRAYER

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons shall be at any time hereafter impeached, or otherwise molested, of or for any the Offences above mentioned, hereafter to be committed or done contrary to this Act, unless he or they so offending be thereof indicted at the next general Sessions, to be holden before any such Justices of Oyer and Determiner, or Justices of Assize, next after any Offence committed or done contrary to the tenor of this Act.

Provided always, and be it Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular Lords of the Parliament, for the third Offence above mentioned, shall be tried by their Peers.

Provided also, and be it Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Mayor of London, and all other Mayors, Bailiffs, and all other Head-Officers of all and singular Cities, Boroughs, and Towns-Corporate within this Realm, Wales, and the Marches of the same, to the which Justices of Assize do not commonly repair, shall have full Power and Authority by virtue of this Act, to enquire, hear and determine the Offences abovesaid, and every of them, yearly within fifteen Days after the Feast of Easter and St Michael the Archangel, in like manner and form as Justices of Assize and Oyer and Determiner may do.

Provided always, and be it Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular Archbishops and Bishops, and every of their Chancellors, Commissaries, Archdeacons, and other Ordinaries, having any peculiar Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, shall have full Power and Authority, by virtue of this Act, as well to enquire in their Visitation, Synods, and elsewhere within their Jurisdiction, at any other time and place, to take Accusations and Informations of all and every the things above-mentioned, done, committed, or perpetrated, within the limits of their Jurisdictions and Authority, and to punish the same by Admonition, Excommunication, Sequestration or Deprivation, and other Censures and Process, in like form, as heretofore hath been used in like Cases by the Queen's Ecclesiastical Laws.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That whatsoever Person offending in the Premises, shall for the Offence first receive Punishment of the Ordinary, having a Testimonial thereof under the said Ordinary's Seal, shall not for the same Offence afterwards be convicted before the Justices: And likewise receiving for the said first Offence, Punishment by the Justices, shall not for the same Offence afterwards receive Punishment of the Ordinary: any thing contained in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.